

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1359

By Litz

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Mary Ann Doty for honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Doty is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many years of legislative service, Mrs. Doty has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mary Ann Doty relocated to Tennessee after marrying Sid Doty, whom she met in Washington, D.C., while she was working for the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, she began her illustrious career with the Tennessee General Assembly, where she has served as a Legislative Assistant in the House of Representatives for nearly four decades under four Speakers of the House: Ned McWherter, Ed Murray, Kent Williams, and her longtime friend, Speaker Jimmy Naifeh; and

WHEREAS, during her career, she has served as an assistant to many members, including such former legislators as Gene Davidson, Dan Byrd, and the late Harold Love; she currently serves as an aide to Representative John Litz, who will also be retiring at the end of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a highly valued assistant, Mary Ann Doty also served as the committee secretary for the House State and Local Government Committee for many years and was an aide to the House Democratic Leadership for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, an original member of the legislative lunch bunch, now known as "the Old Hens," who not only lunch together but also take trips together, Mary Ann will be sorely missed by her colleagues when she takes her much deserved retirement this year; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community who enjoys traveling and playing with her grandchildren, Mary Ann is a devoted member of Christ the King Church and she served for many years as the Regional Cookie Director for the Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann enjoys the love and support of her husband, Sid Doty, and she is the proud mother of Beth Doty Long and Karen Doty Fairfax and the beloved grandmother of Hope Long, Macie Long, Sidney Long, Hunter Grace Fairfax, and Madison Fairfax; and

WHEREAS, exemplifying the characteristics of a true Tennessean, Mary Ann Doty epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated professional who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mary Ann Doty for her many years of distinguished service to the Tennessee General Assembly and the citizens of Tennessee, extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.